

# AS THE GODS WILL

## THE SECOND SERIES

VOLUME

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There are only two kinds of high school students in this world.

The ones who went to school today and those who did not.

The shooting stars pour down for both of them alike,

and as compensation for that radiance, they will impose twice as much darkness.

Gamble your future, as the gods will.

—Acid Mana, “Chosen Child”

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## CHAPTER 1: BEEF OR CHICKEN







AS  
ALWAYS,  
TODAY...



WOULD  
START  
LIKE ANY  
OTHER  
DAY...



AND END  
LIKE ANY  
OTHER  
DAY...



OR  
THAT'S  
HOW IT  
SHOULD  
HAVE  
BEEN.



THREE!  
TWO!  
ONE!

TA-DAA!  
JUST BARE GIRLS!!!

HEY!  
YOU GUYS  
CHOSE  
THE SAME  
ONE!  
HA HAAAA!!



TA-DAA!  
WHA-  
NO, NO!  
THAT'S  
NOT  
RIGHT!









RIGHT,  
AKA-  
SHIP?



I'M  
GONNA GO  
TO THE SAME  
SCHOOL AS  
HIM AND WE'RE  
GONNA KEEP  
PLAYING  
SOCCER  
TOGETHER!

**SOCCER!**  
WHAT  
ELSE?!

OOOF!



HUH...?  
OH....

LIH  
...  
YEAH  
...



GAMING  
TIME!

THERE'S  
ONE MORE  
THING I  
WANTED  
TO ASK  
YOU.

OH,  
HANG  
ON!  
HANG  
ON!

I  
SEE  
...  
I'M  
GLAD  
YOU GET  
ALONG  
SO  
WELL.





IF WE  
WANNA  
GET MADE  
REGULARS  
ASAP,  
THEN  
MAYBE  
HERE...

THEY'RE  
A BIT  
WEAK  
THOUGH  
...

IT'S  
NOTHING  
WE CAN'T  
HANDLE,  
BUT...

THIS PLACE  
HAS A PRETTY  
STRONG TEAM, BUT  
THERE ARE LOTS  
OF MEMBERS, SO  
COMPETITION WILL  
BE FIERCE TO  
BECOME  
REGULARS!



AND  
THEN!

HERE'S  
THE  
PLACE  
I'D  
RECOM-  
MEND!



AHHH!

DARN  
IT!  
IT GOT  
IN!

G-G-G-  
GOOO-  
OOAL!!

EX-  
TRME  
JOHN-  
NY-OI

OOOH!

THE  
COACHES  
ARE  
GREAT,  
NO  
MATTER  
WHAT!

EXTREME  
SOCCER  
FEVER!









WELL,  
YOU  
KNOW,  
I'LL STILL  
GO TO  
COLLEGE  
AND ALL  
...



I WANNA  
GO TO  
COLLEGE  
TOO...

SCHOOL  
CLUBS...  
THAT'D  
BE  
NICE!

IT'D  
BE NICE  
EVEN IF  
IT WASN'T  
SOCCER.

I  
KNOW,  
RIGHT  
?!

IF I  
STILL  
WANNA  
PLAY  
SOCCER,  
I'LL JOIN  
A CLUB.

JOIN  
SOME  
CLUB AND  
GET A  
GIRLFRIEND,  
THEN FOOL  
AROUND AS  
MUCH AS  
I WANT  
EVERY DAY!



...HUH?  
WHAT  
IS IT,  
AO-  
YAMA?

WHAT'S  
WRONG,  
ALL OF A  
SUDDEN  
...?



WHAT  
ARE  
YOU  
SAY-  
ING?

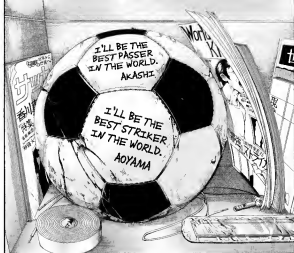
DON'T  
MESS  
WITH  
ME,  
MAN...



...ARE  
YOU  
BEING  
SERI-  
OUS?

HUH?  
YEAH  
...





IF YOU'VE  
FORGOTTEN OUR  
PROMISE, THEN  
WHY'RE YOU STILL  
HANGING ON TO  
THIS THING?

CLOSE  
IT!

WHAT'RE  
YOU DOING?!!  
DON'T JUST  
GO OPENING  
MY LOCKER!



ARE  
YOU  
RUNNING  
AWAY?!

WHY  
ARE YOU  
TRYING  
TO  
MAKE  
IT A  
MEM-  
ORY?!

I'M  
TELL-  
ING  
YOU  
TO  
CLOSE  
IT...



DON'T  
CHANGE  
THE  
SUB-  
JECT!

YOU  
STILL  
WANT  
TO  
PLAY  
SOCCER,  
RIGHT?





**ARE YOU  
BEEF  
OR  
CHICKEN?**

**AKASHI...  
DON'T BECOME  
A COWARDLY  
CHICKEN THAT'S  
ENSLAVED BY  
PAST FAILURES  
AND CAN'T MOVE  
FORWARD! BE A  
COURAGEOUS  
BULL THAT  
CHARGES INTO  
THE FUTURE!**



**WAIT...  
WHAT?**



**YOU'VE  
GOT THE  
NERVE  
TO GO ON  
RANTING  
LIKE  
THAT?**

**ALL OF  
MY PAST  
FAILURES  
WERE YOUR  
FAULT,  
REMEMBER?**

**HUH?**



YOU  
....!



BY THE  
WAY, BEEP  
IS JUST  
A PIECE OF  
MEAT, YOU  
IDIOT! A  
BULL IS  
STILL A  
COW!



IF YOU  
HADN'T  
MISSED  
THAT KICK  
BACK THEN,  
WE WOULD  
HAVE GONE  
TO THE  
NATION-  
ALS!



HUH?!  
THIS FROM  
THE GUY WHO  
SCREWED  
UP IN THE  
FIRST  
PLACE!

GRAB

YOU'RE  
GONNA  
SAY IT'S  
ALL MY  
FAULT?!!

HEY!  
CUT IT  
OUT,  
AOYAMA!



IF WE'D GONE TO  
NATIONALS, THEN  
MAYBE WE WOULD  
HAVE CAUGHT THE  
ATTENTION OF A  
FAMOUS SCHOOL  
OR PRO SCOUT!

**BEST  
IN THE  
WORLD,  
HUH?!**

**BUT  
THAT'S  
ALL  
OVER  
FOR US  
NOW!**

GRAB

**THAT'S  
THE  
END!**

**YOU REALLY THINK  
YOU CAN BE THAT?  
WHEN YOU'RE JUST  
SITTING AROUND  
IN YOUR 3RD YEAR  
LOOKING AT PIN-UPS,  
ARGUING ABOUT  
TITS OR ASSES?!**

**YOU IDIOT!!  
LOOK AT REALITY,  
YOU STUPID COW!**



**MY  
LIFE  
AS A  
SOCCER  
PLAYER  
IS  
OVER.**



**IT'S  
ALL  
OVER.**





A...  
AKA-  
SHI?



HEY,  
WHERE  
ARE YOU  
GOING,  
AKASHI?

I'M  
GOIN'  
HOME.

GRAB



DOESN'T  
MATTER.  
LET GO  
OF ME.



WAIT!!  
I DON'T  
UNDER-  
STAND ANY  
OF THIS  
"BEEF"  
STUFF...

BUT YOU  
KNOW  
HE'S BEEN  
PRACTICING  
LIKE MAD,  
RIGHT?

AND  
BESIDES,  
HE WAS  
KICKING IN  
YOUR PLACE  
BECAUSE  
YOU WERE  
INJURED...

OH...  
IT'S  
AKASHI.  
HE'S...

WELL,  
NOW!  
WHAT'S  
WRONG,  
TAKA-  
HASHI?

NO...

IT'S  
NOTHING.  
I'LL GO  
BACK TO  
CLASS.

HOME  
ROOM'S  
ABOUT  
TO  
START.

KUJIRAKI  
**205**

IF YOU'VE  
GOT TIME  
TO WORRY  
ABOUT ME,  
WHY DON'T  
YOU GO ON  
A DIET OR  
SOME-  
THING?

WHAT  
...?





AH,  
 MAN

2000

七

BECAUSE I KNOW  
BACK IT WASN'T  
THEN, REALLY  
I'm HIS FAULT!

TW-TWET

THE TIME  
IS UPON US!

I GOT ALL  
WORKED  
UP AND  
SAID TOO  
MUCH...

EVEN  
WHEN I  
KNOW HOW  
HE'S BEEN  
PRACTICING  
HIS BUTT  
OFF...





DAMN...  
THERE'S  
WAY TOO MUCH  
PRESSURE!!!

IF I MISS, IT'S  
ALL OVER... I'VE  
GOT MY TEAM'S FATE  
IN MY HANDS...!  
CAN I DO IT?  
CAN I NOT DO IT?  
HEY, I...



WHICH WAY  
WILL THE  
GOALKEEPER  
MOVE?  
RIGHT?  
LEFT?

WHAT DO  
I DO IF HE  
READS  
ME?



I CAN'T  
AFFORD  
ANY  
MISTAKES.

IF I GET  
THIS, WE  
TIE.  
THEN WE  
CAN WIN  
IN OVERTIME.

WIN  
AND I'M  
GOING  
TO  
NATIONALS.



I  
DON'T  
WANT  
TO  
SHOOT  
!!

I  
CAN'T  
SHOOT  
!!!



HLIH  
...?

SO,  
YOU...  
I  
THOUGHT  
SO...

...  
HEY,  
AKA-  
SHI  
...



SSHHH

HAHH

...



HOW  
BAD  
IS IT?

YOUR  
LEG...



HUH  
?



I'LL  
KICK.

RELAX.  
I'LL TAKE  
US TO  
NATION-  
ALS!

HUH  
...



UH...  
WELL  
...  
MAYBE  
IT'S  
...



YOU  
HURT IT  
IN THE  
LAST  
PLAY, DIDN'T  
YOU?



BUT  
YOU'RE  
BAD AT  
PK'S!



MY  
ANKLE  
...



YOU  
MIGHT  
HAVE  
FRACTURED  
A BONE...

YOU'RE  
LOOKING  
PALE.





**AND A  
HERO**  
...

**DOESN'T  
CARE ABOUT  
ADVERSITY  
OR DIFFICULTY,  
HE JUST  
BLASTS THAT  
CHANCE INTO  
REALITY!**

**CHANCES  
LIKE  
THIS  
COME  
AROUND  
...**

**YA  
DUMMY!  
LISTEN  
UP,  
AKASHI!**



**FOR  
HEROS  
LIKE  
ME.**





MANKIND  
IS NOW IN  
A TIME OF  
TRANSITION!

FEEL THE  
POWER  
OF THE  
UNIVERSE!!

LISTEN  
TO THE  
VOICE  
OF GOD!!

IT WAS A  
MESSAGE  
FROM THE  
MACROCOSM  
TO US IN OUR  
MICROCOSM!!!!

THE TIME  
HAS COME  
TO END OUR  
QUARRELING  
AND BECOME  
ONE!

THE METEOR  
SHOWER THIS  
MORNING WAS  
A DIVINE  
REVELATION!

“FLAG: TADAKATSU OKUHIRA”

IF I'D KICKED  
BACK THEN  
AND HADN'T  
LIED...

AOYAMA  
WOULDN'T  
HAVE  
MISSED.

BUT VERY  
FEW OF  
US ARE  
AWARE OF  
THAT FACT!

EACH OF  
US HAS  
OUR OWN  
UNIVERSE  
WITHIN!

BACK  
THEN...

I GOT SCARED  
AND COULDN'T  
DO ANYTHING...  
I WASN'T EVEN  
INJURED...  
BUT I COULDN'T  
KICK...



CRUMBLES  
AWAY  
IN AN  
INSTANT.

SOME-  
TIMES,  
DAILY  
LIFE...





IF I'D  
MADE  
THE  
SHOT  
BACK  
THEN...

HE  
WOULDN'T  
HAVE TO  
QUIT  
SOCCER.



LIKE  
HE  
SAID...

IT  
WAS  
MY  
FAULT.

IS THE  
SIGN  
OF THE  
BEGIN-  
NING.

4

THE END OF  
TRANQUILITY  
...



HUH?  
?

BECAUSE  
HE'S  
PROBABLY  
THINKING  
THE SAME  
THING.

WELL  
...

THAT'S  
SOME-  
THING  
I ENVY  
TOO.



YOU  
FIGHT IN  
PUBLIC,  
BUT UNDER  
IT ALL,  
YOU'RE  
ACTUALLY  
REALLY  
CLOSE.

MAN...  
BOYS  
ARE  
SUCH  
IDIOTS  
...



THE  
FUTURE IS  
NOT ONLY  
WHAT YOU  
HOPE FOR,  
BUT ALSO  
WHAT YOU  
NEVER  
EXPECTED.



BUT  
EVEN SO,  
LIVE ON.



UGH!  
CAUGHT  
BY  
TANUMA-  
SEN!\*  
OH, NO!

AREN'T  
YOUR  
SKIRTS  
TOO  
SHORT?!

DID YOU  
SEE OUR  
PANTIES,  
TANUMA-  
SEN?



HEY!  
COME  
OVER  
HERE  
A SEC,  
YOU  
TWO!



IT'S  
AGAINST  
SCHOOL  
RULES!  
AND DURING  
YOUR MOST  
IMPORTANT  
YEAR  
TOO...!

WHY  
WOULD  
I WANT  
TO SEE  
THEM,  
YOU  
FOOLS!?

Back  
Back  
Back



WHAT?!  
OOOH,  
GOOD  
ONE!

WE'LL  
EVEN  
SHOW  
YOU  
OUR  
PANTIES  
...

WELL  
THEN, WHY  
DON'T YOU  
BLUMP OUR  
GRADES  
UP?





SURVIVE











ワobble...  
WOBBLE...

ワobble...  
WOBBLE...





ND

**JUST FREEZE...**

DA  
"

**TURN...**

43.

**THEN...**



**!**

**RL**  
...

SA  
...

# A

MA  
...



# FALLEN.



WHAT  
...?

A  
DARUMA  
FROM  
TANUMA-  
SEN'S  
NECK?





BLAST











**STOP!!!  
NOBODY  
MOVE!!!**

**FALLEN  
!!!**









**DON'T  
MOVE!!**

**IF YOU  
MOVE,  
YOU'LL  
DIE!!**

**THAT'S  
WHY I  
SAID  
NOT TO  
MOVE!!**





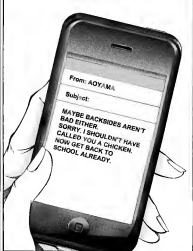






**WHAT ON  
EARTH IS  
THIS...?!  
WHAT'S  
HAPPENING  
?!!**









WAS THAT I  
WOULDN'T  
BE ABLE TO  
APOLOGIZE



NOT TODAY,  
NOT  
TOMORROW,  
AND NOT THE  
DAY AFTER  
THAT...



TANUMA-  
SENSEI'S  
HEAD  
TURNED  
INTO A  
DARUMA  
DOLL...



OKAY,  
CALM  
DOWN...  
THINK  
IT  
OVER  
ONE  
MORE  
TIME...

AS THE GODS WILL

THE GODS WILL

WERE  
SHOT  
DEAD BY  
SOME  
KIND OF  
BEAM...!



SOMETHING  
STARTED...  
AND MY  
CLASSMATES  
WHO MOVED  
EVEN A  
LITTLE...



THINK,  
AOYAMA!!



WHAT  
ON  
EARTH  
IS  
GOING  
ON?!















YOU'LL DIE.

IF YOU MOVE WHILE IT'S FACING THIS WAY, YOU'LL GET BLOWN AWAY...



DON'T MOVE YET.

...  
OKAY.

YOU CAN ONLY MOVE WHILE THE DARUMA IS TALKING.



THIS IS "DARUMA-SAN HAS FALLEN."

BASI-  
CALLY, NO  
MATTER  
HOW YOU  
LOOK AT  
IT...



...  
GOT  
IT.



"A JAPANESE CHILDREN'S GAME  
SIMILAR TO 'RED LIGHT/GREEN LIGHT'"





DA

...



WHERE'D  
YOU GET  
THAT  
IDEA?!

I  
MEAN,  
HOW  
CAN YOU  
SAY THAT  
AT A  
TIME  
LIKE  
THIS?!

LIKE  
AKA-  
SHI,  
DON'T  
YOU?

HUH?  
YOUZ  
YOU  
...

...  
WHAT  
?

RU

...

SORRY...  
THAT AKASHI  
ISN'T HERE  
TO HELP  
YOU...

WHAT  
DO YA  
MEAN  
?

HUH?



PUSH

0:01:29

TO END

N

...

?!!



HAS

...



*PUSH TO END*





THAT'S PROBABLY THE TIME LIMIT.

THIS ISN'T NORMAL, RIGHT?

I DON'T KNOW WHO'S DOING THIS, BUT IT'S PRETTY MUCH TERRORISM, RIGHT...?



MIREI SUMI-TANI!



BEFORE THAT TIMER ON ITS BACK REACHES ZERO...

RIGHT ?



DO YOU KNOW SOMETHIN', HUH?

HEY, MIREI SUMI-TANI!

WH-WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF IT REACHES ZERO...?



WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME...

NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT THAT! WE GOTTA **DO** SOMETHING!

H-HOW SHOULD I KNOW ANY-THING?!



AO-YAMA  
...!

CALM  
DOWN,  
MIREI  
SUMI-  
TANI...

LET'S  
GO  
ON THE  
NEXT  
TURN.



ALL THE  
BOYS,  
**BEEF**  
ON MY  
MARK!

IF WE  
DON'T  
PUSH  
IT, WE  
DIE.

I AIN'T  
GONNA  
WAIT FOR  
THE TIME  
LIMIT  
LIKE A  
CHICKEN.



AO-  
YAMA  
...!!



SHH  
!!

QUIET,  
EVERY-  
ONE...

GET  
READY  
...



WE'VE  
GOT NO  
CHOICE,  
RIGHT?

I'M  
**BEEF**,  
TOO,  
AOYA-  
MA!!



BY  
"BEEF"  
YOU  
MEAN  
"GO"?  
N-  
NO  
WAY!

M- MY  
LEGS  
AREN'T  
REALLY  
UP TO  
IT...



**BEEF,  
CHARGE!!!**

**WAAAAH!**



**RU**  
...

# MA-SAN HAS FALLEN!!!



















"KAKASHI'S SHIRT: 'J' LEAGUE"  
"AOYAMA'S SHIRT: 'TOKU' A PUN ON 'TOKUGU-ATAMA' (LITERALLY  
'CHESTNUT-ON-ITS-BEAR HEAD'), THE CLASS-CROPPED-HAIRSTYLE  
THAT AOYAMA HAS HERE





WHAT'S UP WITH YOU?

IF IT  
DOESN'T  
COME  
TRUE, I'D  
RATHER  
DIE!

**THAT'S  
MY  
DREAM!**

YOU WRITE SOMETHING TOO!

HEH HEH!

HEH  
HEH!

A black and white photograph of a soccer ball. One of the white panels in the center has text written on it. The text is arranged in a circular pattern and reads: "WASH STATE", "FOOTBALL", "COACH", "BOB", "WILSON", "1984".

DA  
...





0:00:06

SA  
...

I'M GONNA  
APOLOGIZE  
TO AKASHI...

AND WE'LL  
PLAY SOCCER  
AGAIN.

THERE'S  
NO  
TIME!!!

GO!!  
EVERY-  
BODY,  
GO!!

TH-

I AIN'T  
GONNA  
DIE  
HERE...

あああああああ  
AAAAAH!

YOU'LL  
GET  
SHOT  
IF YOU  
DO  
THAT!



AKASHI...

THAT  
WAS THE  
PERFECT  
PASS...

ああああ  
AAAAAH!

SHAD-  
DUP!

THIS  
TIME,  
I WON'T  
MISS!

**THIS  
ONE  
SHOT...**

**DECIDES  
IT ALL!!!**

**I AIN'T  
GONNA  
DIE!!!**

**I CAN'T  
DIE YET  
!!!**

**N  
...**

**KILL  
IT  
WITH  
ONE  
SHOT.**

**FOR  
THIS  
DAMN  
PIVOT  
LEG AND  
LEFT  
FOOT!!**

**HOW  
LONG  
DO YOU  
THINK  
I'VE  
WORKED**



YOU-

WHERE  
THE HELL  
ARE YOU  
AIMING,  
AOYAMA?!

HAS  
...

I MESSED  
UP BACK  
THEN,  
BUT...

I'VE  
BEEN  
WORKING  
MY BUTT  
OFF ON  
THIS FOR  
THE LAST  
3 YEARS.

NO...  
IT'S JUST  
HOW I  
PICTURED  
IT...



PUMP...

IT  
TURNS  
AND  
SINKS...

BLAST

THE  
MATA-  
DOR  
SHOT  
...!!

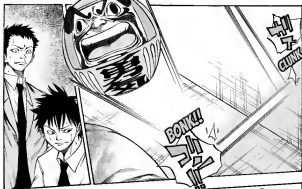
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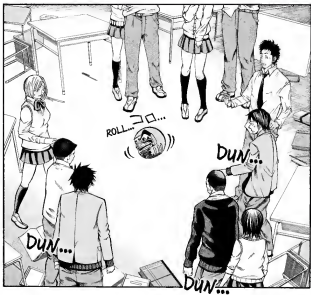
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AH-











COMPLETE.





**AAAA-  
AAAL-  
RIGHT  
!!!!!!**



**G-G-  
GOAL  
!!!**



**THAT'S  
MEEE-  
EEE!!!**

**JUMP**

**AO-  
YAMA  
!!**

**AO-  
YAMA  
!!**

**THAT'S  
ME!  
THAT'S  
ME!!**

**AO-  
YAMA  
!!**

**AO-  
YAMA  
!!**

...

**THAT'S  
ME!  
THAT'S  
ME!  
THAT'S  
ME!!!**

**AO-  
YAMA  
!!**

**AO-  
YAMA  
!!**

**THAT'S  
ME!  
THAT'S  
ME!!!  
THAT'S  
ME!  
THAT'S  
ME!!!**







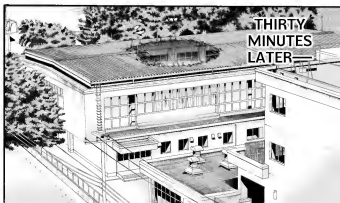


**LIVES.**

**COLLAPSE**









"MOUSE SUIT" AOTYAMA

WHAT  
SHOULD  
I WRITE  
BACK?  
"I'M SOOOO  
SORRY!"?

THAT  
SOUNDS  
A LITTLE  
FAKE...  
BUT ON THE  
OTHER  
HAND, IT  
MIGHT  
WORK...

I'D  
HATE TO  
SOUND  
TOO  
SERIOUS  
...

From: AOTYAMA

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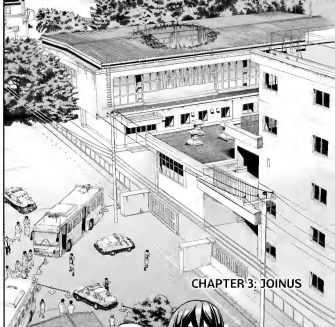
MAYBE BACKSIDER AREN'T  
BAD EITHER.  
SORRY. I SHOULDN'T HAVE  
CALLED YOU A CHICKEN  
WOM. GET BACK TO  
SCHOOL ALREADY.

WELL, I GUESS  
IT DOESN'T  
MATTER...  
IF I GO BACK  
TO SCHOOL AND  
APOLOGIZE,  
THEN HE'LL  
FORGIVE  
ME, RIGHT?

!

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AS THE GODS WILL  
THE MUYOU JOURNALS



### CHAPTER 3: JOINUS









?!!

HOLY  
MACKEREL  
!!

THE GYM'S  
BEEN DE-  
STROYED!

BACK!!  
FALL  
BACK!!

WE'RE  
GOING  
IN!!  
GO, GO,  
GO!!

POLICE

AH  
...?!

WHAT...  
ON EARTH  
IS THAT?!

BOOM

MEOW  
OOO  
OOO  
W









GET  
BACK!!  
DON'T  
TOUCH  
HIM!!

WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON?!

HEY!  
WHERE'S  
EVERY-  
ONE  
ELSE?!



AKA-  
SHI...

LET'S  
PLAY  
SOCCER  
...

LET'S  
...

PLAY  
SOCCER  
...





**DON'T  
DIE ON  
ME!!  
AOYAMA  
!!!**

**WH-  
HEY !!**

**IS YOUR  
LIFE  
FLASHING  
BEFORE  
YOUR EYES  
OR SOME-  
THING?!**



**WHAT  
THE HELL  
HAPPENED?!  
WHERE  
IS EVERY-  
ONE?!**



**I MEAN,  
WHY  
THE HELL  
ARE YOU  
DRESSED  
LIKE A  
MOUSE?!!**

**WHERE'S  
TAKAHASHI?!  
AND WAKA-  
BAYASHI?!  
I DON'T  
UNDERSTAND!!**



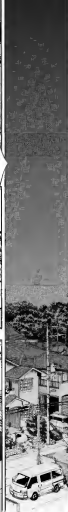
**I SAID  
I WAS  
ON THE  
TOILET  
!!**



**HUH?!**



**SHUT  
UP!  
THAT  
AIN'T IT!  
YA OLD  
HAG!!**







\* LITERALLY "WITHDRAWN," BECAUSE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO  
WITHDRAW FROM SOCIAL LIFE, ISOLATE THEMSELVES AT HOME,  
AND ARE FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED BY THEIR PARENTS.



WHAT?!  
WOW  
...

IT'S A  
GOOD  
THING  
I'M A  
HIKIKO-  
MORI\*  
...

EVEN  
THOUGH  
IT'S  
NOT MY  
SCHOOL  
...



...  
HUH?  
...

PERSONAL  
INFORMATION  
ON BOTH THE  
SURVIVORS AND  
THE DECEASED  
HAS NOT YET  
BEEN MADE  
PUBLIC.



IT APPEARS  
THAT THE  
VICTIMS WERE  
ALL STUDENTS  
AND STAFF  
OF THE  
SCHOOL...

MASS MURDER OF HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

**34 NEWS**



THIS BRINGS THE  
TOTAL NUMBER OF  
VICTIMS OF THE  
MYSTERIOUS MASS  
MURDER INCIDENTS  
THAT HAVE OCCURRED  
AT HIGH SCHOOLS  
ALL OVER THE  
COUNTRY TODAY...

TO OVER  
THREE  
MILLION.

**NEWS  
FLASH**

MASS MURDER OF HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY



...A SMALL NUMBER OF SURVIVING STUDENTS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED AT A FEW OF THE SCHOOLS, BUT...



THOSE INVOLVED ALL SEEM TO HAVE THE SAME STORY, SAYING...

NOW, ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS, THE ACCOUNTS OF EVENTS GATHERED SO FAR ARE EXTREMELY BAFFLING...



AND ARE STILL BEING QUESTIONED ABOUT THE INCIDENT AT THIS TIME

THEY HAVE ALL BEEN TAKEN UNDER PROTECTIVE CUSTODY BY THE POLICE...



"WE WERE PUTTING A BELL ON THE CAT."

"THE DARUMA DOLL DID IT."



THERE  
ARE NEW  
REPORTS OF  
SIMILAR  
INCIDENTS IN  
CHINA, KOREA,  
THE U.S., AND  
SPAIN...

UM...  
ACCORDING  
TO THE  
INFORMATION  
THAT JUST  
CAME IN...

PLEASE  
EXCUSE  
ME...

AH-  
HEM  
...



HO  
HO...

OH  
HO  
...

THIS  
SERIES OF  
INCIDENTS...

HO-

SEEMS  
TO BE  
HAPPENING  
ON A  
GLOBAL  
SCALE.

HO  
HO...

HO  
HO  
HO...



HEY,  
C'MON  
NOW!  
WHAT IS  
THIS?  
CALM  
DOWN!!

...

THIS  
HAS  
GOTTEN  
INSANE  
...

H-  
HAA  
AAA  
AAA  
AAA-

W  
O  
O  
W  
I  
E  
E  
E  
!!!

HAH  
HA  
HA  
HA  
HA  
HA  
!!





HAUTE

...



OH...  
YOU  
CALLED?  
I DIDN'T  
NOTICE  
...

YOU  
DIDN'T  
ANSWER  
THE PHONE!  
I WAS  
WORRIED  
SICK!!

WHAT  
DO YOU  
MEAN  
"WHAT'S  
WRONG"  
?!



SQUEEZE...

EVER  
SINCE  
YOUR  
MOTHER  
LEFT  
ME, I...

HEY-  
WHA-

AAAH!  
THANK  
GOOD-  
NESS!



I  
COULDN'T  
HANDLE  
IT...  
YASUTO-  
OOOO!

IF I  
WERE  
TO  
LOSE  
YOU,  
TOO...







...  
?!?

ONLY  
THREE  
...?!?



ONLY  
THREE  
PEOPLE  
SUR-  
VIVED.



WERE  
FOUND  
DEAD  
WITH HUGE  
HOLES  
IN THEIR  
BODIES...

EVERY-  
ONE,  
INCLUDING  
THE  
TEACHERS  
...

YES  
...



...WAIT  
A SEC,  
DAD...

ONE OF  
THOSE  
THREE  
PEOPLE  
...

GRIP  
!!



SO...

THANK  
GOOD-  
NESS  
YOU'RE  
ALIVE...

SQUEEZE

締め



**TELL ME  
WHERE  
HE IS!!**

**IS MY  
BEST  
FRIEND.**



**I CAN'T  
DO  
THAT.**



**NO.**

**STAY  
HOME  
FOR  
NOW.**

**HE'S  
UNDER  
POLICE  
PROTEC-  
TION,  
RIGHT  
?!**

**I'LL  
JUST  
WALK  
THERE  
AND...**



**WHY  
NOT?!  
I WON'T  
CAUSE  
ANY  
TROUBLE  
FOR  
YOU!!**

**GEH  
...**

**HIS  
WORK-  
MODE  
FACE!!**



GOT IT?  
DON'T  
ANSWER  
FOR  
ANYONE.

ALSO,  
IT COULD  
BE THAT  
REPORTERS  
COME BY  
FOR AN  
INTERVIEW  
OR SOME-  
THING, BUT  
YOU MUST  
NOT ANSWER  
THE DOOR.



I WON'T  
BE HOME  
FOR A  
WHILE,  
BUT MAKE  
SURE TO  
ANSWER  
THE  
PHONE.



UNTIL  
I GIVE  
THE OKAY,  
GOING  
OUTSIDE IS  
EXPRESSLY  
FORBIDDEN.



GO TO  
SLEEP  
FOR  
NOW  
...

OKAY,  
I'M  
OFF.

WAT  
KA-GUNK





THAT  
IDIOT  
WAS  
RISKING  
HIS  
LIFE...



ALL I  
WANTED  
TO DO  
WAS  
SAY I'M  
SORRY TO  
AOYAMA...

+||| SIT UP...

I MEAN,  
I CAN'T  
EVEN  
SIT  
STILL!!



AND  
THEN IT  
COMES  
TO  
THIS...

REPE...  
+|||...



AND  
APOLO-  
GIZE,  
FACE TO  
FACE...

ALL I  
CAN DO  
IS FIND  
HIM...



I'M GONNA  
COMPLETELY  
DISREGARD  
YOUR  
INSTRUC-  
TIONS...

I GUESS  
HE'S IN A  
HOSPITAL  
SOME-  
WHERE...  
ANYWAY,  
SORRY,  
DAD...

IS  
EVERYONE...  
REALLY  
DEAD...?

...  
BESIDES  
...

EVEN  
TAKA-  
HASHI  
...

MUSHA-  
NOKOWJI  
...?!

WAKA-  
BAYASHI...  
TAABOU...

AND I RAN  
OUT OF  
SCHOOL  
...

HEH  
...  
THAT  
WAS  
CLOSE  
...

AND  
ME TOO,  
IF I  
HADN'T  
GOTTEN  
INTO  
THAT  
FIGHT...







WELL,  
SCREW  
THAT!  
I'LL GIVE  
'EM A  
PIECE  
OF MY  
MIND!

YA GONNA  
IGNORE  
SOMEONE'S  
PRIVACY  
JUST FOR AN  
INTERVIEW,  
HUH?!

WHAT?!  
WANT  
ME TO  
ANSWER  
?!

THEY  
JUST  
KEEP  
RING-  
ING!  
C'MON!

WHAT  
TIME  
DO YA  
THINK  
THIS  
IS?!!

HEY!  
YA  
JERK!

BAM





DING  
DONG





YOU  
WERE  
ABSENT  
FROM  
"SCHOOL"  
TODAY,  
RIGHT?



...  
HUH?



THAT'S  
WHY  
I'VE  
COME  
FOR  
YOU.

NINO  
HAS  
COME  
FOR  
YOU.



...

**KINJI-  
ROU  
NINO-  
MIYA\*  
...?!**

...  
HUH?!

\*A PROMINENT 19TH-CENTURY JAPANESE AGRICULTURAL LEADER,  
PHILOSOPHER, MORALIST AND ECONOMIST. STATUES OF HIM ARE  
OFTEN FOUND IN OR IN FRONT OF JAPANESE SCHOOLS.



"NINO"  
...?!

WHAT  
...?!



PA-

KUNK

YEAH,  
I'M  
NINO.

NOW,  
GET  
ON.

JOINUS.





YEAH.  
..I'M  
NINO.

YOU  
WERE  
ABSENT  
FROM  
"SCHOOL"  
TODAY,  
RIGHT?







IT HAS  
ALREADY  
BEGUN  
FOR  
THOSE  
WHO  
WERE AT  
SCHOOL.

UH

...

IF  
YOU'RE  
COMING,  
THEN  
RIDE ON  
MY BACK.

WHAT IS  
THIS THING?  
...HOW IS IT  
MOVING...?



IS THERE  
A PERSON  
INSIDE?  
...IS IT  
A ROBOT?

I MEAN, HE'S  
TALKING...?  
ANYWAY, WHY'S  
HE CARRYING  
A TRASH CAN?



WHAT  
DOES  
HE  
MEAN  
HE'S  
"COME  
FOR  
ME"?

AH

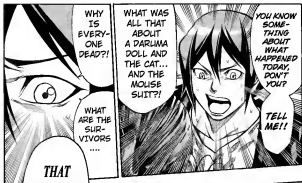
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NINO  
HAS COME  
FOR THE  
CHILDREN  
WHO  
SKIPPED  
SCHOOL.

AT THE  
AKASHI  
RESIDENCE

...  
HUH?



WHY  
IS  
EVERY-  
ONE  
DEAD?!

WHAT WAS  
ALL THAT  
ABOUT  
A DARUMA  
DOLL AND  
THE CAT...  
AND THE  
MOUSE  
SUIT?!

YOU KNOW  
SOME-  
THING  
ABOUT  
WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TODAY,  
DON'T  
YOU?

TELL  
ME!!

WHAT  
ARE THE  
SUR-  
VIVORS  
....

THAT  
WAS THE  
PROLOGUE.



THE  
NEXT  
ROUND  
WILL  
BEGIN  
VERY  
SOON.



HE  
WEIGHS  
A TON  
...

UGH  
...

IF  
YOU'RE  
GOING  
TO TAKE  
PART,  
HURRY  
AND GET  
ON

WE  
HAVE  
NO TIME  
TO  
WASTE.





"ON TRASH CAN" "DECISION"



**I CAN'T  
LEAVE  
MY MOM  
ALL  
ALONE!**

**I GOT AN  
INHERIT-  
ANCE, SO  
I DON'T  
GOTTA  
WORK!**

**I'M A  
NEET,\*  
AND  
THAT'S  
THE WAY  
I LIKE  
IT!!!**



**I SAID  
I'M NOT  
FRICKIN'  
GOING!!**

**I  
AIN'T  
RIDING  
ON  
YOU!**



**WHAT  
THE  
HELL  
ARE  
YOU?!**



**I...**



**DO  
YOU  
REALLY  
INTEND  
TO NOT  
FRICKIN'  
GO?**

**I CAME  
FOR YOU  
BECAUSE  
YOU  
SKIPPED  
SCHOOL...**



**MY OLD  
MAN'S  
DEAD.  
IT'S JUST  
ME AND  
MY MOM...**

**I'M  
NOT  
GOING.**











GOTTA  
GET A  
PHOTO!

WOO-  
HOO  
♪

I'LL  
POST  
IT ON  
MY  
BLOG  
♪



GAKKA  
SHAKK

THE  
PLACE  
WE ARE  
GOING  
TO  
NOW...



...?

WHAT'S  
THAT?



WHOA  
...

I CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
IT...



IS THE  
TRASH  
CAN?



WROOOOM













TERROR-  
TERROR-  
TERROR-  
ISM-  
TERROR-  
ISM  
THREADS-  
WOOO~

TERROR-  
TERROR-  
TERROR-  
ISM-

IT'S "THE  
END OF  
THE  
WORLD"  
!!

OH...  
THAT'S  
RIGHT  
!!



INSTEAD  
OF  
"ELATION"

HU  
HU  
...

I PASSED  
OUT FROM  
ALL THE  
EXCITEMENT!

IT WAS  
"ELATI-OUT"

THAT'S  
GOTTA  
BE IT!

KLACKA  
KLACKA  
KLACKA  
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KLACKA  
KLACKA



OOPS  
...

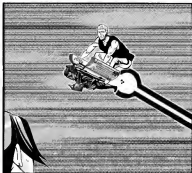
BWAHAHAHA!!

THE  
EXCITE-  
MENT  
STILL  
LINGERS  
ON!

A BIT  
OF "HIS  
EXCEL-  
LENCY"  
SLIPPED  
OUT...  
UNINTEN-  
TIONALLY  
...

"I'LL MAKE  
YOU INTO  
A WAX  
FIGURE!"

BWAH  
HA  
HA  
HA...





TRASH IS  
GATHERED  
IN THE  
TRASH  
CAN...

IT'S  
THE  
SAME  
FOR  
EVERY-  
ONE.

AND  
SORTED  
INTO  
"NECESSARY"  
AND  
"UNNECES-  
SARY."

THEY'RE  
ALL  
TRASH  
WHO  
SKIPPED  
SCHOOL...

AREN'T  
WE GONNA  
MEET THE  
GUYS WHO  
WERE AT  
SCHOOL?!


WHAT  
ABOUT  
AO-  
YAMA  
...?!

HA-  
HANG  
ON.



"NECES-  
SARY"  
TO THE  
WORLD.

YOU'LL  
BE ABLE  
TO MEET  
THEM  
SOME-  
DAY.  
IF YOU  
CAN  
BECOME  
...



THE  
"NECES-  
SARY"  
LIVE  
AND THE  
"UNNECES-  
SARY"  
DIE.

THAT'S  
THE  
KIND OF  
PLACE  
THE  
TRASH  
CAN IS.



WHAT'S  
WAITING  
FOR US  
WHEN  
WE GET  
THERE?

AND  
WHERE  
ARE WE  
BEING  
TAKEN  
NOW?



KINJIROU  
NINOMIYA,  
OR "NINO,"  
CAME FOR THE  
KIDS WHO  
WERE ABSENT  
FROM  
SCHOOL.

## CHAPTER 5: SINGING SKILLS

THERE'S  
ONE  
THING  
I KNOW  
FOR  
CERTAIN...



THERE  
ARE A TON  
OF THINGS  
I STILL  
DON'T  
UNDER-  
STAND...

BUT  
LOOKING AT  
THE OTHER  
STUDENTS  
WHO WERE  
COLLECTED  
JUST LIKE I  
WAS...

**I'M THE  
ONLY ONE  
RIDING  
BACK-  
WARDS!!**



**YOU'RE  
BACK-  
WARDS,  
YOU  
KNOW.**



**I REALLY,  
REALLY,  
HOPE  
WE GET  
THERE  
SOON...**

**CRAP...  
HOW  
EMBARR-  
ASSING  
...**

**EVERY-  
ONE  
KEEPS  
LOOKING  
AT ME  
...**



IF YOU  
DON'T  
RIDE  
FACING  
THIS  
WAY...

HEY,  
YOU'RE  
RIDING  
BACK-  
WARDS!



IT'S  
DANGER-  
OUS,  
RIGHT?

YOU  
COULD  
FALL...



HEY, NOW!  
SERIOUSLY  
...?!

HWH  
...?

AH  
...

A GIRL...



HER  
PANTIES  
ARE  
SHOWING  
!!



BUT HE  
WAS  
RUSHING  
ME, SO  
I LEFT  
IN MY  
PAJAMAS.

YEP.  
THAT'S  
RIGHT.



NINO  
CAME  
FOR  
YOU  
TOO?

EH...  
UH...  
SO, YOU  
...

WHY'S  
SHE  
DRESSED  
LIKE  
THAT?



I MEAN...  
IN A  
SITUATION  
LIKE  
THIS?

AREN'T  
YOU  
SCARED  
?

OH...  
I SEE  
...

...  
YOU'RE...  
PRETTY  
CALM...



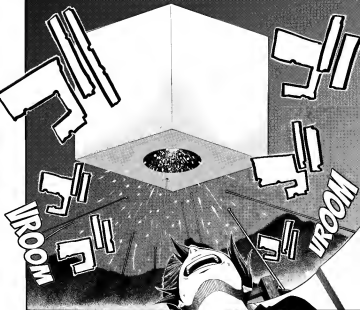
HUH?



SCARED  
?

WHY  
?







I-  
I'M  
FALL-  
ING...



NINO SAID  
SOMETHING  
EARLIER  
...

ABOUT  
A PLACE  
CALLED  
THE  
"TRASH  
CAN"  
...?!

FF-  
NN-

LAG  
...



HEY...

I'M  
FALL-  
ING?!

AM I...  
GOING  
IN  
THERE,  
TOO...?!



WH-  
WH-  
WH-

?!  
?

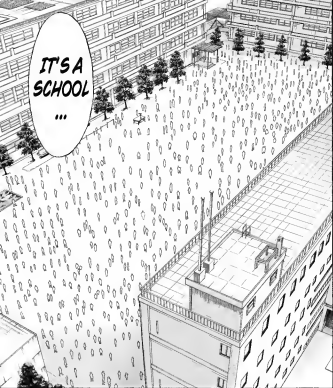


COULD  
THIS  
BOX  
BE...

\*THE JAPANESE WORD FOR TRASH CAN, "GOMI BAKO," IS LITERALLY "TRASH BOX"

KA-GLANK!!  
カウチン!!







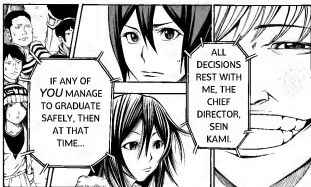


HE USES THE ENGLISH WORD "YOU" WHENEVER HE SPEAKS



THIS NAME IS PROBABLY DERIVED FROM THE NAME OF SEIN KAMUYU (TAINT CLOUD), AN AMERICAN-BOY TV PERSONALITY AND ACTOR IN JAPAN. THE WORD "KAMI" MEANS "GOD" IN JAPANESE.











YOU.



HMM...? YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF GOD, HUH?

WELL, THEN ...



IRK

THE GUY WHO LOOKS PARTICULARLY DISSATISFIED.

COME OVER HERE!

HUH ...?!



HEY, HEY! YA MAKIN' FUN OF ME, YA BRAT?!

YOU, COME UP ON THE STAGE!

YA GONNA BATTLE ME UP THERE ON THE STAGE, HUH?!



HUH?

WHAT'S THAT ...?



I'M GONNA SEND THIS LITTLE PUNK FLYIN' !!

HEY, THERE ...



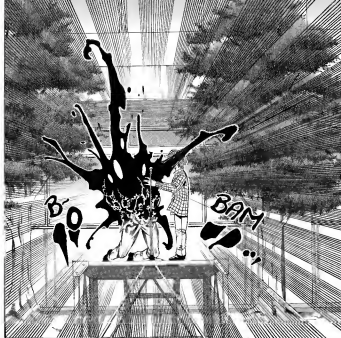
HA HA! SWEET!

♪SHINGING

?!!



SKIIIIII





LA  
LA  
♪

THIS  
IS  
THE  
POW-  
ER  
OF  
GOD  
♪



I'LL  
ANNOUNCE  
THE  
FIRST  
KAMI-  
CULLUM!



??!!



# AS THE GODS WILL

THE SECOND SERIES

# 1

STORY BY MUNEYUKI KANESHIRO  
ART BY AKEJI FUJIMURA

